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SUBJECT: IA-ECOSOC 9TH ANNUAL MEETING, QUITO, MARCH 10-16

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1. THE POST WELCOMES THE VISIT OF THE DELEGATION TO IA-ECOSOC AND THE AMBASSADOR IS GRATEFUL FOR THE INVITATION TO SERVE AS A DELEGATE. WE REGRET THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL COINCIDE WITH THE AMBASSADOR'S RETURN FROM CONSULTATIONS. IT WILL THEREFORE NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO BE A MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION.

2. CHIEF OF ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION CAN SERVE AS AN ADVISER TO DELEGATION. CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN THE AMPLE FACILITIES OF THE PALACION LEGISLATIVO, A FIVE MINUTE RIDE FROM THE EMBASSY. EMBASSY WILL MAKE THREE OFFICES AVAILABLE. CONFERENCE ROOM WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DELEGATION MEETINGS.

3. TWO FULL TIME EMBASSY AMERICAN SECRETARIES CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE. OVERTIME ESTIMATED AT 50 HOURS OR APPROXIMATELY \$350.00.

4. A) EMBASSY AND DAO WILL PROVIDE ONE VEHICLE EACH PLUS CHAUFFEUR FROM MISSION RESOURCES. USAID WILL PROVIDE ONE VEHICLE. OVERTIME COST ESTIMATE FOR TWO MISSION CHAUFFEURS WORKING FOR ENTIRE CONFERENCE IS \$220.00.

B) THE DELEGATION CAN RENT THREE ADDITIONAL VEHICLES FOR MARCH 8-16 PERIOD AT A COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$480.00 WHICH INCLUDES INSURANCE, GAS, AND MILEAGE UP TO 40

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MILES PER DAY.

C) IN ORDER TO PROVIDE CHAUFFEURS FOR THE USAID VEHICLE PLUS THE THREE RENTED VEHICLES IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO EMPLOY FOUR CHAUFFEURS WORKING AN ESTIMATED 14 HOURS PER DAY FOR AN APPROXIMATE COST OF \$615.00 FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 8-16.

D) TOTAL VEHICLE, CHAUFFEUR, AND OVERTIME COST (4A, 4B, 4C) IS ESTIMATED AT \$1,315.00. IN ORDER TO REDUCE COSTS, IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT THE COLON HOTEL WHERE PARTY IS STAYING IS FOUR SHORT BLOCKS FROM THE EMBASSY. THE PALACIO LEGISLATIVO IS ONLY A SHORT DRIVE, AS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED, FROM BOTH THE HOTEL AND THE EMBASSY. TAXIS ARE READILY AVAILABLE FROM HOTEL AND EMBASSY. POST BELIEVES THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR THREE RENTED VEHICLES WITH CHAUFFEURS 14 HOURS A DAY, IF PARTY IS WILLING TO USE TAXIS ON OCCASION DURING WORK DAY OR AFTER HOURS. WALKING FROM POINT TO POINT, FRANKLY, IS PLEASANT HERE, ALTHOUGH OCCASIONALLY WITH AFTERNOON RAIN IN MARCH. PLEASE ADVISE ON CAR RENTAL PREFERENCES IN ORDER FOR US TO PROGRAM AHEAD.

5. EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED TDY COMMUNICATOR. ESTIMATED COST OF 50 HOURS C & R OVERTIME IS \$430.00.

6. EMBASSY HAS MADE HOTEL REQUIREMENTS KNOWN TO OAS REP WHO HAS BLOCKED SPACE IN COLON HOTEL FOR 18 SINGLES AND SUITE, AND WILL MAKE ROOM ASSIGNMENTS WITH GOE COORDINATOR IN THE USUAL MANNER. EMBASSY IS FOLLOWING UP TO ASSURE SPACE. DAILY COST WILL BE \$15.12 PER SINGLE ROOM, INCLUDING TAXES. (DOUBLES WOULD RUN \$19.44 INCLUDING TAXES.) SUITE WILL COST \$44.40 INCLUDING TAXES PER DAY.

7. FROM PAST EXPERIENCE POST ANTICIPATES DELEGATION WILL REQUIRE REGULAR ACCESS TO RELIABLE COPIER. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN XEROX 720 FOR ENTIRE CONFERENCE PERIOD. ANTICIPATED COST WILL RUN ABOUT \$120.

8. AS SOON AS KNOWN PLEASE ADVISE COMPOSITION OF DELEGATION AND ETA
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